

The Power of Dreams

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ACT ONE:

Location: The CRUISE's house, USA

FADE IN

It was ever so hot on a bright September morning but for ALEGRA CRUISE, it was the start of the biggest day of her life but it was obviously not without its complications.

She was 18 and just about to embark on her 1<sup>st</sup> day of university.

She had lived in Decatur, AL all her life and this was the day that could change her life forever when she walked through the doors of North Alabama university although she never really knew what was going to happen.

ALEGRA was so unsure whether her best friend DAISY had gotten into the same university.

ALEGRA's best friend had been away so was probably not even found a moment to end fifer through the mail to see whether her invitation had arrived. ALEGRA's grades were astronomical so she got in quite easily but DAISY was 1 of those people who had to wait until the last minute to see whether she'd got in through the clearing process.

DAISY had been in Panama over the last fortnight so only had been back in America the night before so ALEGRA was unsure whether she'd received an invitation from the university on whether she'd been accepted or not. ALEGRA got dressed after being up 2 hours deciding on an outfit, she didn't want to lose her reputation of being popular she had from high school so she had to dress with a costume to kill the competition.

She stood at the front door and seemed reluctant to leave her family's home. MRS CRUISE came to see what the matter with her daughter was.

MRS CRUISE

ALEGRA are you alright?

ALEGRA

Of course but this is a big moment  
for me and I am concerned that I  
haven't heard from DAISY on whether  
she made it through the clearing or not.

MRS CRUISE

I suppose the easy way to  
find things out is to ring her.

ALEGRA

This is big, high school was easy,  
this is bigger in so many ways.

MRS CRUISE

you chose this place yourself and I would  
have recommended Harvard along with the  
3 others but all 5 were excellent places.

ALEGRA

I know I got into Harvard and with me being  
mega intellectual I sound stupid to turn it down.

MRS CRUISE

I thought knowing your love of paparazzi and celebrities,  
you'd have gone to UCLA like Hollywood starlet Erin Sanders.

ALEGRA

She is adorable and I so want to meet her but the place  
was too far for me, I didn't want to up ship that far.

MRS CRUISE

Good point, we are happy here and your Papa is doing  
well in his line of work so we are better to stay afloat,  
now to set your mind at ease, are we going to ring DAISY?

ALEGRA

Yes Mama.

ALEGRA goes to the phone and rings up DAISY, at the other end she picks  
it up.

Scene goes from full screen to split screen between Alegra and Daisy

DAISY

Hello

On hearing her best friend's voice ALEGRA feel relieved.

ALEGRA

It's only me, just ringing to say  
Hello and how was the vacation?

DAISY

Pretty thought-provoking although you've  
been to your fair share of dazzling destinations.

ALEGRA

Even so, I'd love to hear about it.

DAISY

Why of course you can, I am sure  
we can talk about it later today.  
I made it to North Alabama and I

got the confirmation through the post  
a week ago and read it yesterday.

ALEGRA screams with excitement.

ALEGRA

I am so sorry for that DAISY, you  
know I scream if I get excited.

DAISY

It's nice to see that my good  
news has pleased you.

ALEGRA

Of course I'm pleased, we are  
going to be Uni buddies, oh nothing has  
given me greater pleasure in ages.

DAISY

I have my doubts on why they picked  
me but I guess it was purely to fill some  
gaps and make the numbers work.

ALEGRA

Don't think of it like that, think of it  
as you have brains but are way  
too easily distracted, they've given  
you a chance to redeem yourself.

DAISY

I will think more positively in the future,  
you always had a good imagination to fall  
back on and you were ever so creative,  
I am seriously lacking compared to you.

ALEGRA

Don't speak like that although that could  
explain my ominous dream I had last night.

DAISY

Can you tell me more?

ALEGRA

Perhaps we'll leave it, it was a  
rather trivial situation so we'll  
see how this big day pans out 1<sup>st</sup>.

DAISY

Well don't be nervous, I should be there  
in under an hour and we'll meet up and  
you can hear all about Panama and I

can see you for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in ages.

ALEGRA

I have to dash now, Goodbye.

DAISY

Goodbye.

ALEGRA and DAISY hang up their phone and resume their previous activities.

End of split screen, back at the Cruise's ranch house.

MRS CRUISE

Did DAISY make it?

ALEGRA

Yes she did.

MRS CRUISE

I could tell by the screaming but I always think it's best to ask because you do like to scream at everything.

ALEGRA

She'll improve her education while I'll venture out into performing arts, it's going to be such a life-inducing experience for us and there is no 1 I'd rather spend it with than my best friend.

MRS CRUISE

I'd go now so you don't miss the bus and tarnish your good girl reputation.

ALEGRA

I would do that for life nor money.

MRS CRUISE

You have a nice day.

ALEGRA

I sure will, you can be sure of that.

MRS CRUISE

I'll be here when you get back, goodbye.

ALEGRA

Goodbye Mama.

ALEGRA picked up her backpack and coat and flung 1 over each shoulder, she certainly seemed ready, she kissed her mother on the forehead and walked out of the house.

She walked to the bus stop then stood there, the seconds draining away before she caught the bright yellow bus from her home to her new education hotspot.

The bus arrived, ALEGRA got on whilst nibbling at her perfectly manicured finger nails.

She took a seat by herself and decided to re-read The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, she'd thrown her backpack to the floor under her seat and her coat was draped over her knees.

Several more people got on before they left ALEGRA's district. They entered a few more town and villages on their route before the bus was full and on its way to the university but ALEGRA seemed disappointed that her best friend DAISY hadn't been any of the people who got on.

When the bus arrived it came through metal gates leading on to an old historical building that ALEGRA couldn't wait to test for rock samples, learn more about the University and push herself deeper than she ever had before.

She got off and picked a patch of grass to lie on, she ran to it and collapsed on it.

ALEGRA started to lie back on the grass, her eyes slowly closed and she had the same occurring dream once more and it featured the same girl breaking her leg after missing a step off a pavement.

ALEGRA knew that believing in the dream was superstitious but it seemed too real to be made up.

FADE OUT

Opening credits

ACT TWO:

Location: The university grounds.

FADE IN

Alegra awoke to the sound of a bell ringing and everyone except for the new students went inside to their classrooms.

A guy in his early 60's with silvery hair and a black triangular hat came out onto the courtyard to take control of the newbie's.

MR CALE

Good morning new students, I am the school president and my name is William Cale and I welcome you to North Alabama university.

He paused after that because he noticed a yellow school bus entering the premises this seemed too prompt ALEGRA to look at her watch.

ALEGRA

I wonder what time this bus thinks it is because its arrival like this is so totally unexpected.

MR CALE

You can say that, I think that very bus should have been on site 15 minutes ago.

The bus stopped and everyone got off, ALEGRA's eye lit up as she saw her best friend DAISY getting off the bus. ALEGRA screams and jumps in the air.

DAISY

I'm pleased to see you as well.

MR CALE

Now as I was saying, what exactly was I saying, it's completely slipped my mind.

ALEGRA

You were welcoming all the new students here and filling our heads with the path our future was about to take.

MR CALE

Thank-you so much, may I ask your name because your memory might be very helpful if I become forgetful.

ALEGRA

Thank-you for asking, it's ALEGRA CRUISE.

MR CALE

Well it's an honour to have you here.

ALEGRA

I always think it's good sportsmanship to make the right 1<sup>st</sup> impression when you are starting somewhere new.

MR CALE

Well believe me, a sweet girl like you will go far in this university. Now everybody follow me to the assembly hall and we'll assign you into classes.

Everyone followed MR CALE into the reception as nervous as each other waiting to see who they'd be mixed up with for their 1<sup>st</sup> year. DAISY was at the back of the line but she made a mad dash through everyone to catch up to ALEGRA, when she caught her breathe she finally had the time to talk.

DAISY

I wanted to apologise for getting the later bus when

you probably been organised since early morning.

ALEGRA

It's OK, all is forgiven.

The only thing that concerns me is  
why the bus arrived so late because it  
interrupted the principal's line of thought.

DAISY

It must have been late from leaving the depot so  
I needn't ask why the driver can't been punctual.

ALEGRA

It makes sense, you'll have known  
I got here rather earlier and to fill  
the time I had a nap on the grass.

DAISY

You don't usually nap.

ALEGRA

I've been up since 5 but the real reason I did it  
was the concern last night's dream had on me,  
I wanted to see whether it was going to recur again  
when I arrived here and I was right the same scene  
keeps playing over again when I close my eyes.

DAISY

Would you mind to tell me  
what happened in this dream.

ALEGRA

Why of course I will, I keep dreaming of  
someone braking their leg on the entrance  
of this very university, always the same person  
does it in every dream, always in the same place  
and at the same time and I don't know what this means

DAISY

It sure puzzles me.

ALEGRA

Although I can't detect what the dream means,  
I can't stay awake forever but as it happened  
all of last night, I assume it must be  
due to take place on this very day  
Am I forsaken to prevent this from happening?

DAISY

No way, it's a dream meaning it is an imaginary  
situation made up to worry yourself or too keep



yourself distracted through the difficulties of today,  
your imagination is fantastic and could quite frankly  
go into overdrive, it created an image that  
seemed to you too true not to actually happen.

ALEGRA

We can't be so sure, I believe in a lot of  
things but if the dreams or event had  
nothing to do with me then why is it me  
who keep imagining the same thing  
happening in every single dream.

DAISY

I don't know Lithograph, it is  
probably your brain creating the worst  
possible scenario in order to scare you.

ALEGRA had the nickname Lithograph owing to the fact she was such a Science geek and her love of scientific equipment that lead her to gain many awards for chemistry at high school so she couldn't wait to be let loose in the universities laboratory because there was so much more they'd have to investigate because they were known for their huge speciality in Science related subjects so she knew there was always something new to discover.

ALEGRA

Perhaps and believe me  
it's scaring me senseless

DAISY

You've done well so far especially in  
getting appraisal from the school president.

ALEGRA

I think I'd arrived after that happened  
so let's take a seat in this room and  
let this new journey really begin.

On the stage MR CALE had climbed the stairs and was standing next to his deputy, the 2 of them worked very hard to get the university the best out of many in the co-joining states.

MR CALE

Now I probably haven't the time to meet you  
all individually today but I am sure you'll get  
more time with your form tutor, they'll have  
the time to assess you and get the best out of you.

Exams are only 9 months away so I want  
to see you all revising very hard.  
I'd certainly recommend mixing with the  
older students because they can help you

fit in very quickly and it always helps to blend in with your fellow students.

I see so many have come here today and this was the biggest year of applicants we had coming our way so I congratulate you all for getting in. We will now split you into smaller groups so let's get you separated, there will be a list of names of the television screens they will go to the room listed above their names.

1 of our senior students will be standing by the door of the hall entrance, they will take you to the right room and will be there to help you out for your 1<sup>st</sup> month here.

The new students awaited patiently whilst staring at a plasma screen in front of them until something happened, when it did MR CALE was back in action.

MR CALE

Now the 1<sup>st</sup> set of names is coming on the screen now. I hope you get paired with those similar to yourself and I know it's tough but stay out of trouble and a bright future is on the horizon. Cause trouble and things may end up being difficult for you.

The list of 20 names came up and they got out of their seats before heading to the door and walking away. Still ALEGRA and DAISY were left in the hall along with half of the students who still remained in their seats, waiting to be chosen. 5 minutes later their names ALEGRA CRUISE and DAISY SMITH came onto the screen along with 18 others.

DAISY

I do hope our tutor is a nice person who can cope with my constant rebellion

ALEGRA

I am sure they'll be friendly but I don't care about their opinion is, this girl only has time for learning and not to listen to others. I am at university to get my diploma in 3 years time.

DAISY

Let's head to the door before our representative leaves without us and we become completely lost.

ALEGRA and DAISY headed to the door where a tall 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student stood waiting for them.

She had the most beautiful blonde hair and was wearing a dress that represented who she was.

ALEGRA knew she had a new role model in her life.

Her name was MADISON and was 20 years old and in North Alabama Lions. She walked the group along the corridor but she didn't say anything. ALEGRA and DAISY were stood at the back but they talked to 1 another.

ALEGRA

If only I was as pretty as she is.

DAISY

She might be but to me  
she's merely self-centred.

ALEGRA

I like her and we are all here to make friends  
with the people who've been here longer  
than us but I can't detect much about  
her from this place in the queue.  
I can't see what she's wearing but if  
you can what makes you think that.

DAISY

She's wearing quite a prominent dress.

ALEGRA

I can't see it from here, I can detect with  
hair like that I guess she's a cheerleader  
because when you get that many boys  
concentrating on you, those sort of  
girls usually are the ones who  
like to be the centre of attention.

DAISY

You admire her though?

ALEGRA

It's a weakness I know but she probably  
isn't out of my talent quota.

DAISY

Your talent quota stretches far but to do what  
she does you have to flirt with boys and you barely  
even glance at members of the opposite gender.

ALEGRA

I could be 1 of them and can give  
support in the best possible  
way so don't write of my chance of  
success when it's non-academical.

DAISY

OK, hang with the airheads by all means but they only care about their hair, their make-up, outfit and which boy they are currently dating but you don't care about that as much as your education.

ALEGRA

Trust me, I won't turn into 1 of them, I'll be there to promote good Catholic morals.

DAISY

I don't think your religion will be pleased with you wearing that sort of an outfit.

I want you to tryout but I don't think you are that good at sport, you're way too academic for skill and eye contact.

1 word of warning, those girls can be real viscous and will be happy to take someone down who is not as good or as talented at what they do.

ALEGRA

I can get in due to my certain charm.

I work hard and give my everything when trying something new, I push to be the best and with my ability to get on with new people that will make my teamwork skills even better and I can go very far with them.

DAISY

I have faith in you and so does god, he always wants you to respect his beliefs and in return he'll be happy for you to go forward in life making your own judgement about how your future will pan out.

ALEGRA

I'll get onto it soon and as for the dream about the breaking of the leg, it hasn't happened yet so I won't worry about it until it does happen.

MADISON left the group before ALEGRA could find the time to quiz her about cheer tryouts.

When ALEGRA entered the form room it was full of pie charts and graphs all over the wall, this was a dream come true and what better a place to spend time with her fellow classmates.

A young man came to the door to check on where the group had got to, when they all walked through the door he knew he could begin.

MR EVANS

Now my name is MR EVANS, I will be your form tutor for however long your

stay with us at this university will be.

I have your individual timetables  
based on the subjects you put down  
when you applied for this place.

Now who wants to volunteer to hand  
them out and give themselves a chance  
to learn their fellow students names?

ALEGRA

May I volunteer, sir?

MR EVANS

Why of course young lady,  
what is your name?

ALEGRA

It's ALEGRA CRUISE, sir.

MR EVANS

Nice to meet you.

MR EVANS holds out his hand and shakes ALEGRA's hand.

ALEGRA carries the timetables around the room, looking at the top she saw  
the persons name, she called their names so she could learn which timetable  
belong to which person.

The fellow students were very good and helped ALEGRA by raising their hand  
when she called their name, then she could hand them a timetable.  
She was applauded as she sat down.

MR EVANS

ALEGRA, I'd like to thank-you for doing  
that, now everybody knows what subjects  
they'll be doing let me fix the  
confusion on the numbers system.  
It's simple, 0 is this floor, 1 is the  
floor above and 2 is the top floor

ALEGRA

Seems easy to me, I seem to have  
a lot of time in the Chemistry labs.

DAISY

Knowing such a geek you are,  
I thought you'd be pleased.

ALEGRA

Why of course I am, I'd just forgotten  
about going for a BTEC in Chemistry.

DAISY

Are you doing Physics?

ALEGRA

Yes but no way am I doing Biology.  
My catholic morals do not approve of  
me dissecting a poor defenceless  
creature for research purposes.  
You understand, don't you DAISY?

DAISY

Yes, what about Mathematics and English,  
aren't we going for diplomas in these subjects?

ALEGRA

Yes and with History that gives me 6 core subjects,  
now all I am missing is the extra curricular.

Daisy

I thought you were going for performing arts.

ALEGRA

I did consider it depending on what  
the winter play is going to be.

DAISY

It makes sense to see what the play is 1<sup>st</sup>.

ALEGRA

I'm hoping it's Twilight but  
I ain't playing a vampire.

DAISY

I should hope not, biting people is wrong.

ALEGRA

I think fairytales could  
suit me down to a tee.

DAISY

Always the princess, never the hero.

ALEGRA

I'm too pretty for battle.

DAISY

Then that must make be the  
tough 1 in our friendship.

ALEGRA

Not necessarily but I will also take up  
sport and that cheerleading sounds perfect.  
Every squad should have a brainiac

and this year I want it to be me.

ALEGRA and DAISY continue to read over their timetables to see when they'd get time to take class and see each other.

ALEGRA

We'll be taking English Lit together and also have study time which we could spend together.

DAISY

All I do is distract you when we revise together.

ALEGRA

We could find a way to help you study and I may be able to concentrate with you around, it can't be that hard to do.

DAISY

I apologise that I didn't take English language, it's too complicated.

ALEGRA

You're doing History instead, I wanted to but it wasn't in my most important 6 subjects that will affect my life choices.

DAISY

I see no religion on your timetable.

ALEGRA

It's due to the fact that I feel they'll ridicule Catholicism so I am not taking it. It's ok for you because you're a Christian. Now we've got our timetables, how was your vacation to Panama?

DAISY

It was ever such a big place, the buildings were tall and it's like New York but with more poorer areas, flash floods and I am grateful I didn't go in monsoon season. I think you'd have liked it there.

ALEGRA

My knowledge of Spanish would have been useful.

DAISY

That is where I failed, I had to speak English but I mainly went for the culture and not to speak the language and everyone has their difference.

ALEGRA

The culture would have been  
the turning point for me.

DAISY

Then you'd have loved it there.

ALEGRA

Of course but I worried that was  
near to the start of the new year hence  
scuppering your chances of making it here  
and you didn't find out until yesterday.

DAISY

We went later than planned because,  
it took me ages to plan but I still felt I'd be  
safer to go late August into early September.

ALEGRA

At least you are here now.

DAISY

It's good to be back.

ALEGRA

Of course it is, a vacation is always  
worthy when you work hard, even though  
you didn't knuckle down as much as I did.

DAISY

You went away before me, wasn't it to  
California and earlier in the summer?

ALEGRA

Yes, I only went to get some cooler  
weather, I live on a ranch in the  
dessert, LA is far more acclimatised.

DAISY

I can't remember when you last went abroad.

ALEGRA

I always go in the winter, most often  
after Christmas, I always need to find  
time to stop and catch my breathe.  
DAISY, don't be shy, go and talk to  
that boy on your left hand side.

DAISY

I suppose anything is worth a shot.



DAISY walked over to the table on her left and stood behind the boy sitting there.

DAISY

Hello, I'm DAISY SMITH, I noticed you from the table next door and my best friend insisted I came over and said hello.

NIGEL

I am glad she did because you are pretty and I am NIGEL, NIGEL ACKBURN to be précised.

DAISY

You're quite charming NIGEL, what are your plans for your time here?

NIGEL

I am going a BTEC in Physcology.

DAISY

That could be useful especially since my friend thinks the dream she had is so real that it has to come true.

NIGEL

I'd be happy to help.  
Here is an idea you should take up sports because I see you as a track and field kinda girl.

DAISY

If you're referring to Athletics, I was a dab hand at it in high school but there's always people better than me.

NIGEL

Don't you care about them, who is this other adorable girl?

DAISY

I told you before that she's my best friend and her name is ALEGRA CRUISE.

NIGEL

Hello ALEGRA

DAISY

Hello boy I have never met, I see you and DAISY have become acquainted quickly.

NIGEL

It took me surprise as well, what subjects have you planned on taking?

ALEGRA

I don't want to sound too much like a swot  
but English Lit and Language, Physics and Chemistry,  
Mathematics, Geography and so much more.

NIGEL

Thank-you for talking, now  
DAISY may I ask where you live?

DAISY

It's in a town house 10 miles away.

NIGEL

Delightful, I live somewhere similar.  
I'll look forward to learning more  
about you 2 as the year passes on.

NIGEL turns around and DAISY returns to sit next to ALEGRA, before long  
it is lunchtime.

FADE OUT

ACT THREE:

Location: North Alabama University's dining room.

FADE IN

DAISY sat down to reserve a table whilst ALEGRA went and picked her lunch.

ALEGRA stood in the queue before several other joined behind her.  
She was never going to find the time to ask about cheerleading tryouts.  
She ordered some cheese and tomato pizza, a diet coca-cola and fruit salad,  
she sat down before it was DAISY's turn to join the queue and await her  
destiny.

DAISY ordered the salmon pasta, sparkling water and chocolate cheesecake.

ALEGRA

I was wondering where MADISON had disappeared to.

DAISY

I honestly don't know where's she gone,  
perhaps she went to sit with her friends.

ALEGRA

I better get some friends of my own or I'll  
never keep my creed to stay Miss Popular.

DAISY

All in due time, become a cheerleader and then  
you can think about how to boost your popularity.

ALEGRA

Some people will have had a  
long time to plan these things.  
I haven't planned on the precise  
moment in which everyone will like me.

DAISY

We don't leave our life to chance  
is what it says in the bible.  
You're a very hyper girl so don't  
you waste another minute.

ALEGRA

I am eating my lunch before I even plan on finding  
our senior representative and making myself heard.

By now a flurry of students arrived in their thousands and soon would be  
the moment where ALEGRA and DAISY would catch themselves in the usual chaos.  
ALEGRA and DAISY sat quietly talking while everyone walked around them,  
boys glanced at them but it was unclear who the majority liked better.

DAISY

Can you really see me taking Athletics?

ALEGRA

Of course I do, you are a  
real fast runner as I recall.

DAISY

Yes but that was many years ago,  
I doubt I still have the ability  
and energy to do it again.

ALEGRA

I could talk you into it because  
you know I can be quite persuasive.

DAISY

Maybe to some but I say no.

ALEGRA

I know nothing about Christians  
but you have a god as well.  
I think it's the same 1 but you seem  
to have the nerve to think the big  
bang theory started the universe.  
As a girl whose good at Science,

I do disagree with certain aspects and  
do believe their vision of how  
the Earth was created is wrong.  
You have no idea that you became  
weaker at track unless you have another  
attempt at it and there's no better time  
to try than at the tender age of 18.

DAISY

You're right and I was foolish to hold  
myself back when it was something I enjoyed.

ALEGRA

Now I don't want my dessert to  
go warm so I am eating it and then  
I will find MADISON and start my  
journey of contemptment.

The 2 of them had now finished their lunch.  
It was a few moments later and they went out of the dinning room door to  
come up with their next plan of where they were heading.  
Of course the 2 of them didn't know a single part of their new university.  
They had a map of their new surroundings but it was hard for them to agree  
where to look.

DAISY

Do you think you're photographic  
memory can memorise this layout?

ALEGRA

Maybe but this is quite a complicated map  
and I'd need to study it for a few hours  
before it becomes a permanent fixture in  
the list of information I store in my brain.

DAISY

I am surprised we can do this search without  
1 of the older students watching our back.

ALEGRA

They're probably getting involved with a  
lunchtime club so there may not be as  
many people around until the bell rings

DAISY

We were probably expected to stay in  
the dinning room for the whole allotted  
time as we aren't in there making  
friends whilst searching for MADISON.

ALEGRA

We would have left unless it was important,  
I need to make my presence here so it  
would be best to go to the sport  
department as our 1<sup>st</sup> port of call.

ALEGRA

I suppose it would be a crime to  
disturb her when she may have a lot to  
do to restart the year as fast as possible.

DAISY

Of course she will because a girl like that will  
have been missed and she'll in return want  
the new season to start as quickly as possible.

ALEGRA

That's the reason for now wandering off,  
I say we not go too far because when  
she does return I may not get to be the 1<sup>st</sup>  
person to talk to her and she probably has a  
long waiting list of students who need her help  
so I want to see her as fast as the bell rings.

DAISY

I always said your sounded eager and I was  
right, a missed opportunity will probably leave you  
with regret and you have enough to think about  
already especially with that recurring dream.

ALEGRA

I am not thinking about the dream because it's  
not my destiny to avoid these things coming true .  
I feel it was my imagination the whole time, playing  
tricks on me so I am not worrying about it any longer.

DAISY

Then you won't want to put this dream to NIGEL.

ALEGRA

I don't think a psychologist could make sense  
of the non-sensical things that I dream.

DAISY

This is not like you to doubt anything,  
you usually believe in everything can  
happen as long as Jesus can be  
capable of performing such a miracle.

ALEGRA

It isn't that I doubt, it's  
just that I am thinking more

about cheer tryouts than my dream.

DAISY

Your letting this dream fight against your push for popularity so you really don't know what you should sort out 1<sup>st</sup>.

ALEGRA

I think I know what I want and you may call me crazy but I can't stop myself wasting away such talent as I have.

DAISY

I am disappointed that you didn't want to seek NIGEL's help and learn what your dream means. If your mind is made up then let us go back inside into the dinning room to wait for MADISON to return.

ALEGRA

Just you watch NIGEL, he may be out there to tear up our friendship up and make a move on you.

DAISY

That's what I like about you, you always take care of my best interests.

ALEGRA

I don't mind multi-tasking because your mother wants me to keep an eye on you especially since you could fail your exams before you take them.

DAISY

If I take Athletics I won't have time to study, anyway you didn't always revise and it did you no harm.

ALEGRA

I have a photographic memory which I need when I have A list parties to attend and my 18<sup>th</sup> beat all of the fellow students that it silenced them for weeks.

DAISY

Especially since no one could have guessed you'd have a Miranda Cosgrove impersonator and bouncers on the door, there are people so low key at high school that they weren't on the list hence you didn't let them in.

ALEGRA

I didn't want to turn into a hate figure but a girls got to do what a girls got to do.

Besides they got over it and I did buy those left out presents so they didn't feel hard done by.

DAISY

You've always been sweet even when you had to let people down so MADISON won't find anyone more committed than you for the squad.

ALEGRA

I always aim to try my best and will especially work my hardest for the other girls or boys and will be the best team player and super geek this university has ever seen.

DAISY

In return I'll be the fastest and most fit athlete there is and provide my family with medals and trophies that will make up for the fact that none of them made it here.

ALEGRA checks her watch.

ALEGRA

It's almost bell time so into the dinning room we go.

DAISY

I'm right behind you.

DAISY and ALEGRA re-enter the dinning room in order to be reacquainted with their fellow students, whilst they had stood outside the place had half emptied and but the 1<sup>st</sup> years were still there.

ALEGRA

I told you we hadn't missed anything.

DAISY

We'll probably head back to our form room before we restart the tour after all we wouldn't want NIGEL to miss out.

ALEGRA

I knew you liked him and want him not to miss out but I haven't decided whether I'd be friends with him.

DAISY

You're always so judgemental, what is stopping you making a decision?

ALEGRA

He doesn't seem academic enough for me.

DAISY

No he isn't and you drive a hard bargain but he'll prove

himself and then you'll be eager to have him on board.

ALEGRA

That's the way things usually turn out.

The bell rings for afternoon lessons and more people rush out the door hoping to be spared for their lateness owing to the fact it was only their 1<sup>st</sup> day back.

The senior representatives walk in but MADISON hasn't returned. ROMEO was a tall blond haired 20 year old and a member of the basketball team, he decide to talk to TROY who was also 20 but with dark brown hair. He was not into sports but was extremely helpful to his fellow students so hadn't the time for trivialities.

ROMEO

What a turn out this year, my lot are a talented bunch who are going to go far.

TROY

We have some competition at such an early stage of the year, they are still eating at the moment so we'll give them a few minutes because they'll probably be nervous.

ROMEO

Good idea, we not need rush this tour but the other senior representatives are taking there's already so we'll do the opposite and people will like us for being different.

TROY

That's what makes us such great leaders when it comes to making sure this lot survive the hustle and bustle of their new and fresh start.

ROMEO

I couldn't disagree with anything in your statement.

TROY

There's still 1 of our fellow students helpers missing.

ROMEO

Where is MADISON?  
I noticed the place seems calmer when she is not in the room.

TROY

Probably got distracted by her fellow squad members.

ROMEO

She held a catch up session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day back, she



must be very eager to get them all in the swing of thing.

TROY

Of course she is, that squad is her pride and joy.

ROMEO

She is probably already considered a role model.

TROY

Perfect hair, perfect dress sense, she is the sort of idol a girl can aim for but don't speak about intelligence and her in the same sentence. She is a teacher's worst nightmare and her grades show that.

ROMEO

What is she planning to do this year?

TROY

Another trophy at nationals perhaps, she won't give up without a fight when it comes to winning

ROMEO

Look at this lot, she may want to take everyone of them and make them bigger than Christian Dior and she certainly worships him.

TROY

MADISON is the girl every boy wants to date but I think the Headteacher has a newbie he seems think will go far.

ROMEO

I've seen her, she's sweet and the complete opposite of the head cheerleader.

ALEGRA comes over to see where MADISON is.

TROY

The girl the Headteacher was talking to is her.

ALEGRA

I only recovered his line of thought, he can't owe me much in return.

ROMEO

Maybe a free ride into North Alabama Lions without the strain of tryouts.

ALEGRA

How did you know I was interested?

TROY

I heard you and your friend DAISY  
discussing it whilst me and my  
student group were passing your group.

ALEGRA

Well I won't ask for favours, that would  
discourage the pride I made in life.

TROY

Well you couldn't have a better senior  
representative when you are so pretty.

ALEGRA

No boy has ever called me that before,  
at least I don't think they did, if they  
commented on me like that I'd ignore them  
as it may distract me from my education.

ROMEO

Quite the innocent aren't we.

TROY

She probably has her reason?

ALEGRA

It's because of my Catholic morals that I sit  
down and work hard and not get easily distracted.

ROMEO

It's good to obey your religion your parents  
brought you up on, I am Christian like many  
but even as a Catholic a minor crush isn't  
harmless if you can avoid it affecting your work.

ALEGRA

I'm not sure, it sounds like the sort of thing that would  
give me a guilty conscience and committing a sin is wrong.

TROY

It's not like that, I had a couple of girlfriends as  
has my best friend here, it is very hard to make  
the right idea the 1<sup>st</sup> time so you have to fail at  
something so you can learn what went wrong  
and that gives you a real sentimental feeling inside.

ALEGRA

My heart generally leads my success and determines  
a bright future although my best friend DAISY is  
destined to fail because she is easily distracted.

ROMEO

Work is a very hard thing especially at BTEC  
and degree level, if you really become so  
boring that work is all you're here for then  
it will become very hard to make friends.

ALEGRA

I will start high and make friends with MADISON  
before I attempt anyone nearer my own age  
because she can send me very far and give me  
a life more unpredictable than I can imagine.

TROY

It sounds like a good place to start but if you don't  
take a free pass through tryouts it will be  
tough and rather sought after to make the squad.

ALEGRA

You said to follow my heart and mine tells  
me to become a cheerleader without cheating.

ALEGRA

When it comes to dreams that so called fact science said about the big bang  
theory starting off the world when we all know it was god.  
I have a bible and that should prove them wrong and want to prove a  
documentary I saw wrong.

TROY

Won't you go after the TV channel?

ALEGRA

Yes and possibly Stephen Hawking.

ROMEO

That's a pretty big thing for 1  
small girl like yourself to do.

ALEGRA

I did sent him my A\* homework from high school  
on why religion started the world and he was so  
shocked by the fact I was right and the fact I'm  
so clever that he send me a blank e-mail with no  
writing and a signed picture as an attachment.

ROMEO

That's really nice of him to take the time  
to reply like that, we have to take our  
groups on a guided tour now but we'll see  
you around, perhaps on the Basketball court.

ALEGRA

I'd like to do that and will defiantly  
be there edging you to victory.

TROY

Goodbye ALEGRA and good luck here.

ROMEO and TROY took their groups out of the dinning room leaving only 14  
confused individuals still standing there staring into open space.

FADE OUT

ACT FOUR:

Location: The dinning room, a short while later

FADE IN

It was now a few minutes later MADISON ran in and cart wheeled over a table.  
The students had sprung to life and were applauding her.

MADISON

I always like to make an entrance.

Alegra

It amazed me and I want to end up like you so much.

MADISON

It really makes me happy to be a  
role model to a girl such as yourself.

DAISY

Didn't the bell ring 10 minutes ago?

ALEGRA

DAISY, she has every right to be late because  
she does have a squad to organise.

MADISON

Precisely and we do meet on the other side of  
the university, meaning it's a 10 minutes walk from there  
and I see someone's on my side, what is your name Miss?

ALEGRA

It's ALEGRA CRUISE.

MADISON

Well with your positive attitude I  
would so love to have you on board.

ALEGRA

I would like that very much but my friend DAISY

doesn't think I'm the sort of girl for that.

MADISON

You only need talent and from what I heard from the Headteacher you have it bursting from the seams and that I why I volunteered to take this group when I found out you were coming.

ALEGRA

Shouldn't you have already known my name?

MADISON

I forget names easily, I knew a cute and superficial geek was coming but I did forget what the Headteacher said you were called.

DAISY

I feel she's a failure at sports but I have known her for many years and I wouldn't forget a thing about her even though my brain usually extracts facts involving education.

MADISON

I forget things because I'm under pressure to get my team perfect for performing at nationals and come out victorious. I'm not that good academically but I know ALEGRA is talented and her talent could be crucial to and she has charm that also goes a long way to success.

ALEGRA

What do I need to be like you?

DAISY

A skirt that short would be against her morals.

MADISON

I guessed as much, you have to get through tryouts by impressing the judging panel, they will decide whether you make it or not and your fate rests in their hands but I know for you that things will come up smelling of roses.

ALEGRA

Then I must do it, what sort of a crowd usually show up?

MADISON

About 50 but I doubt they have talent like you.

DAISY

How many usually progress through tryouts?

MADISON

About 6 but it's ALEGRA's destiny and if you're going to patronise her, I'd leave her alone so she doesn't fail.

ALEGRA

You said that I'd make it.

MADISON

Of course you will but your best friend's bad vibes don't exactly help.

DAISY

ALEGRA, I'm sorry I doubted you.

MADISON

Now you're best friend is supporting you, you have a dream to fulfil.

ALEGRA

Can we start the tour soon?

MADISON

For you ALEGRA we'll start right this second.

DAISY

Just shield your ears when we get to the chemistry lab because my best friend can get over excitable.

MADISON

I'll bare in mind, everybody let's get exploring.

MADISON, ALEGRA, DAISY and the others leave the dining room and en route they stop at the form room to pick the 6 people up who decided to eat their lunch in there to avoid the chaos.

Now they were outside of the room they were ready to being.

MADISON

Now do anyone have an idea where they'd like to start on the tour because we have a lot of ground to cover so try and make it as original as possible.

NIGEL

How about the English department?

MADISON

A little too serious for starting from.

DAISY

I'd recommend the chemistry laboratories.

MADISON

We don't want to excite ALEGRA too soon.

ALEGRA

I have a great idea, let's start on the other side  
and look at the cheerleading practise room.

MADISON

And that is why I like you, your such a bright spark  
and you want to where you'll be spending a lot of  
time so I respect that idea and think we'll start there.

ALEGRA's here

ALEGRA's clear

ALEGRA's going to do so great at cheer.

With her stylish hair

she loves to share

she'll work her way to be a North Alabama Lion.

DAISY

Now you got her all excited.

ALEGRA

I need to know the way when I make the squad but  
what a chant that was and she made it up on the spot.

MADISON

That sort of reasoning makes sense, we have such hi-tech  
equipment that we beat our close rivals in most sports here.

ALEGRA

It's always good to wake up with the best commitment  
to the day and that's why every morning I go for a  
canter on my Horse but I hadn't time to today so  
when I feed him later I hope he doesn't hate me.

MADISON

Don't have regrets although this is big  
for you, your Horse should allow you  
some leeway whilst you settle in.

I am impressed by your you and you  
haven't made a bad start to your Uni life.

ALEGRA

Thank-you and I won't rush into things, I wouldn't  
want to discover that thing people call stress.

DAISY had now ventured to the back of the queue, she saw NIGEL so she talked  
to him for a while.

NIGEL

Daisy, so nice to see you again.

DAISY

I was kind of sickening with the fact MADISON has ALEGRA wrapped around her little finger. She hasn't the attention for sport. I suppose her best attempt was Netball in high school but she should do equestrian as she does live on a ranch.

NIGEL

Maybe that would be a little predictable.

DAISY

Yes it would although she wouldn't have to try hence her academic record will not be at risk.

NIGEL

If her heart is on sport it could be lethal to let her grades slip.

DAISY

I think she has it in under control for now but changing paths and judging the demands doesn't help this hard time for her.

NIGEL

At least she won't let you down, she'll be there for you because aren't you a bit of a tearaway.

DAISY

I am a handful, there's no doubting it but when it comes to learning, there's no 1 better than ALEGRA for a study buddy.

Of course I have my reasons, her coursework is A\* material and she even sent a piece opposing the theory of relativity to the greatest scientist in the country.

NIGEL

I bet that silenced him.

DAISY

As a matter of fact it did.

NIGEL

1 person in a friendship has to be cleverer than the other so take a back seat and take up Athletics instead.

DAISY

You've twisted my leg, I'd like that very much



and have decided that I am heading to Athletics.

ALEGRA was still unaware of DAISY's development but she still had much to find out from MADISON, they still led the group and stood primed at the front.

ALEGRA

As much as my attention is on being like you,  
I can't help worrying about this persistent  
dream I had about a girl breaking her leg.

MADISON

That's odd because that very thing happened  
whilst I was on my way to the dining room.  
I went out to take a breathe of fresh air and I  
saw the incident happening right in front of me.

ALEGRA

That is why I dreamt it last light,  
and it amazed me that it actually happened  
and hopefully she will recover quickly.

MADISON

Does this mean you can predict the future?

ALEGRA

I honestly don't know, I may have just been lucky  
that the accident was picked up in my brain 14  
hours ago, how that can happen I don't know.

MADISON

I'd watch these dreams next time because they  
may provide to be quite an important life lesson.

ALEGRA

I told DAISY that obsessing over my dreams  
was something that could distract me  
from the real important things in life.

MADISON

I suppose that could happen but if it's for the best, I  
suppose you should forget it and concentrate on cheer.

ALEGRA

That was my intentions to make it through tryouts  
and then if my dreams come true I'll have to get help  
with identifying why they happen to be coming to me.

MADISON

You won't fail tryouts because I'll teach you a routine  
that will knock the other 2 judges for 6 and determine

you won't fail in your destiny to make the squad.

ALEGRA

I'm always a fast learner.

MADISON

Good because there's many steps  
to learn and only 1 week to do it.

ALEGRA

Do you mean tryouts are only 1 week away.

MADISON

Precisely

ALEGRA

That seems too soon.

MADISON

We must do it soon because there will be games to cheer  
for and we must strengthen the squad before then and  
find a position for our new members in the formation  
and we'll all take a while to adjust to the new layouts.

ALEGRA

Now it's starting to make sense, how often do you reckon we'll  
have to practise in order to have the routine for tryouts perfect?

MADISON

I reckon 4 nights this week should do it, is this acceptable for you?

ALEGRA

Of course we can come to an arrangement regarding  
that but not tonight as I promised to take DAISY horse  
riding and I'll be quite tired by the end of the busy day.

MADISON

Can I come over tomorrow?

ALEGRA

I'll ask my mom's permission tonight because  
she might tetchy about having a stranger over  
but I can get a response to you in the morning.

MADISON

That's fine, I don't have any practise sessions  
this week so it's nice that you'll ask and you're  
such a polite girl for doing that and I don't mind  
waiting a few hours to know whether I can come.

ALEGRA

The ranch is a great place to socialise, we have big rooms perfect for doing anything so with those high ceiling our jumps can be super high and we can be capable of doing anything.

MADISON

I can work with that but where we take classes is so special that you'll know it's the right place when you enter the front door.

ALEGRA

Are we nearly there?

MADISON

Not far away, it'll be worth the wait and if she's there you may get the chance to meet our vice-captain.

ALEGRA

She may not be as encouraging as you.

MADISON

I know the sort of people who are destined to do well so if I think that person is you, then there's an extremely good chance you're the next IT girl for the team.

ALEGRA

I certainly want to make it if we get to wear dresses as beautiful as that.

MADISON

I doubt your religion lets you dress like us and it depends on what team you're on, we have a purple and a white team who have similar outfits but are still unique.

ALEGRA

You can't go wrong with ribbons.

MADISON

I'd put some in my hair but there's a lot of maintenance to get it this way that it can be quite hard to bring myself to change it.

ALEGRA

How dynamic are the routines?

MADISON

So good, we stunt, we flip, we chant and we choreograph so hard that we don't ever fail.

ALEGRA

Sounds promising, I'll look forward to seeing the action.

MADISON

Haven't you ever been to a sports game here?

ALEGRA

No, I tend to go to watch show jumping instead.  
I am not into sports but a girl is  
entitled to dream, isn't she?

MADISON

Yes as long as she always tries her best at sport  
and doesn't affect her performance for the squad.

ALEGRA

You can count on me for that.

MADISON

Well in that case we are now at the sports department, here  
you'll find Astroturf pitches, a gymnasium with weights and  
running machines and much more to set your sights adrift.

The group entered the cheerleading practise room and sat on the matted floor.

MADISON

Now I would have given you a demonstration on the  
squad uses this room but they've all left for class.  
The equipment is voice operated but it can't  
change a CD, now how useless is that?

ALEGRA

Very now what CD are you changing it to?

MADISON

We have everything, you're probably not ready for a CD  
of cheer mixes, they are used to practise for nationals,  
I got Justin Bieber, he's more for beginners and  
his album "My world" is so good I'm putting it on.

ALEGRA

That sounds good but with so many Canadian albums  
you'd think we were on the border with them and Alabama's  
no where near the border, that's on the other side of America.

MADISON

What an excellent geographical knowledge you have, you  
will turn into an event bigger spark than what I heard already.  
I'd skip you through tryouts but the other  
judges could give me evil glances for it.

ALEGRA

You should stand up to them as you are captain,  
by the way DAISY the dream came true  
and MADISON actually saw it happen.

ALEGRA

Just remember that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time this has happened to me  
hence possibly a 1 off, I can't sense the future and the event  
probably came to me whilst being distracted by my 1st day here.

DAISY

You shouldn't doubt your dream, if someone had been told  
it could have been prevented and the girl could have  
survived without walking with a sprained leg.

ALEGRA went over to her fellow students but didn't talk, she just smiled  
at them and they invited her to listen in to their conversations.  
DAISY was annoyed that MADISON could be a distraction for her best friend.

DAISY

I hope all this cheerleading doesn't distract  
ALEGRA's grades, she never multi-tasked  
between academic subjects and sports before.

MADISON

How about Netball?

DAISY

It was on the curriculum hence it's all considered educational,  
here it is optional so is considered academic because it's optional.

MADISON

I won't let her intelligence be wasted, if I find  
out her grades are dipping I'll have a word with her.

DAISY

She won't listen to you about her education because  
you get grades worse than me, if she drops below a  
B then we'll get the school president involved to give  
her some encouragement back into A grade territory.

MADISON

I think that might just work, I've seen him many  
times and we always seems to encourage me  
to try harder although with me it doesn't last  
long and I'm back to my usual self in no time.

DAISY

That's just the way you are, ALEGRA is bred better  
than that so her conscience can be repaired in no time.

DAISY could now see the MADISON was looking after ALEGRA's best interests even if being head cheerleader still made her a trouble maker. ALEGRA had developed a 6<sup>th</sup> sense by listening to her fellow group members.

DAISY was ready to leave but not before MADISON had something to show ALEGRA.

MADISON

Now the biggest thing about cheerleading is competition and they don't get any more serious than nationals so as this room is voice operated, cabinet light on.

The glass cabinet on the wall lit up and was more noticeable.

ALEGRA

They are so wonderful, have you really won all these?

MADISON

Not me personally but over my 3 years we won our fair share of these, even before I became captain.

When we chose to kick then girl-friend, we get our best pompoms out and work our magic.

ALEGRA

Cheering for sport and competition must really motivate the team but I fear they have no time for anything else.

MADISON

You'll still have time for your popularity. I spend most weekends at the mall, shopping whilst my best friend carries my bags. She didn't join me in the squad but we never drifted apart so don't you fear you'll lose DAISY because she'll still need you and you'll always have time to hold those parties I heard about.

ALEGRA

They were mightily special but I never had a real celebrity there which really made them not as good as I'd liked.

They are always wannabes but when I make more of a name for myself I could have The Jonas Brothers at my 19<sup>th</sup>.

MADISON

You should get them, I'd be wanting them at my 21<sup>st</sup> but my parents are unsure whether to fork out the money.

ALEGRA

We can do each other a favour because if you get stuck at your grades, I could boost them a bit, it's harder work than I've done before but I'll be willing to give it a go.

MADISON

If you can do my work than you're cleverer  
than anyone I've ever known before.

I am studying at level 3 whereas your only on  
level 1 so to do my work would be exceptional.

To be honest I don't want you're brain to be  
overworked that it's stopping your from having fun.

ALEGRA

I know my fun and ridding horses is  
pretty epic in the scale of things.

Those trophies are epic and I'm  
glad I recommend you bring us here.

MADISON

It's my pleasure but I know you're mainly  
into chemistry so we'll head there next.

ALEGRA screamed with joy.

ALEGRA

That would make me so happy but no blowing things  
up in the 1<sup>st</sup> day, I told myself that I shouldn't  
overexcite myself so no being the usual  
chemistry show off until I've settled in better.

MADISON led the group out of the classroom before they headed on their way  
to science.

FADE OUT

ACT FIVE:

Location: North Alabama University's corridor outside of sports.

FADE IN

ALEGRA was very excitable by the idea of being let lose with all those  
chemicals and acids before her chemistry class started.  
They all took a leisurely walk before going up stairs and stopping at the  
top.

The corridor up there was as wide as at the bottom, MADISON took the group  
to a room that was empty before marching them in.

ALEGRA was et in 1<sup>st</sup>, she amazed at the Bunsen burner points on each desk  
and the sink between them.

An old wooden cabinet also sat in the corner.

ALEGRA

May I ask what's in the cupboard.

MADISON

You seem eager to learn, I assume it's where they keep the acids in glass cylinder jars, I haven't taken science here but from experience at high school they kept the acids there but these will be much stronger.

ALEGRA

We'll have fun using them.

MADISON

Just don't corrode your fingers because you'll need them to be holding pompoms during matches.

ALEGRA

It's a dangerous subject and for you I'll be careful although I need to get my degree, I don't want to ruin my reputation by being a klutz.

MADISON

ALEGRA's here

ALEGRA's clear

ALEGRA's going to do so great at cheer.

With her stylish hair

She loves to share

she'll work her way to

be a North Alabama Lion.

ALEGRA

I am pleased to see you supporting me through all this, though my other subjects are safe so you can avoid acting like a big sister to me for those.

MADISON

I look after my squad's welfare, it's just the girl I am but those rumours about me being viscous are true, I will always be happy for us to do our best but I am willing to take another squad down on our way to victory.

ALEGRA

You said it cheer idol.

MADISON

Is that a nickname for me?

ALEGRA

Yes

MADISON

Do you have 1 I could use for you?

ALEGRA



It's Lithograph, I doubt you'll remember that.

MADISON

Perhaps but I am unclear what it means.

ALEGRA

Lithograph is a method of bio-molecules that have not been developed, this is tested on a nanometer scale.

MADISON

Then I'll try to remember it because it is so uncommon and I tend to remember the unusual nicknames over something common that would never stick to my brain.

ALEGRA

You don't have to use it, it's just what DAISY calls me.

DAISY comes over to ALEGRA.

DAISY

It's nice to finally catch up to you again, you must be in your element here and you haven't resorted to screaming in excitement again.

ALEGRA

I did it before I arrived, I am happy, I can't not be but in a place like this, If my Mom will let MADISON visit tomorrow we can start practising my routine for tryouts.

DAISY

How will you get her to agree to invite her?

ALEGRA

Mummy's adorable and she always said that she wanted me to make friends here, 1 who is a state champion in sport will be someone she'll be so willing to meet. I won a spelling bee and entered the local pageant but won't be remembered for sport.

MADISON

You were in a pageant, didn't you win?

ALEGRA

No, it was to find Miss Alabama's outstanding teen from all over the state but I only came 3<sup>rd</sup> when it was held a few weeks ago in August.

It's OK, I was beaten by a singer and a ballerina so I take losing with a grain of salt.

MADISON

Next year you can perform cheerleading  
and that should beat the other 2.

DAISY

I am so sorry that it was her last chance to  
compete because this August she was 17  
and that is the age limit and she turned 18 last week  
hence she could possibly be the youngest in our year.

ALEGRA

Those girls were glitzier than me,  
I just proved that I'm too ordinary  
to go the extra mile for being pretty.

DAISY

I thought watching you recite poetry was sweet.

MADISON

You did that, it maybe easy for you to store  
facts but for those events they want something  
spectacular like singing or spinning.

DAISY

She can't of done much more, she did come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 40.

MADISON

If she did that well, she must have  
picked up a following from somewhere.

ALEGRA

I told you I was popular, some must  
have liked my photographic memory,  
the others may have considered me  
cute or thought I had a good chance  
of winning, which I almost did.

MADISON

It still a valiant effort and you can go  
for Miss Alabama next time but only if  
you can bear the other 2 at their own game.  
May I ask whether we've finished in the laboratories.

ALEGRA

Yes but I will miss this place.

DAISY

It's OK, you've class here is less than 24 hours.

MADISON

Shall we head to English next?

DAISY

It's certainly where NIGEL wanted to go  
and as I'm taking English Literature,  
I wouldn't mind looking around.

MADISON

Then everyone follow me.

20 of them were still on the tour and there was so much more yet to be  
discovered.

ALEGRA

Hasn't this place got a library?

MADISON

Yes we do but it's nearer the dining room,  
we started at the wrong end if you wanted  
to go there but if we have time at the  
end, I'll take the group to there later.

ALEGRA

That will be suit me fine because I have to  
read and draw, scrawl through dictionaries,  
thesauruses and there's so much to learn that I  
won't stop until I know every fact and figure and  
I'll be a match for any person who needs information.

DAISY

I bet the Geology rooms are decorative.

ALEGRA

We assumed they'd rock the competition.

DAISY starts to laugh.

MADISON

Why is DAISY laughing?

DAISY stops laughing.

ALEGRA

My comment was a play on words.  
Geology's about rocks so I referenced  
them when I spoke about the subject.

MADISON

They have a geology club but I wouldn't want to  
loose someone with your intelligence to them.

ALEGRA

It may be tempting but I promised I'd stick by your side.

MADISON

It's unfair to discourage your creativity so if rocks are your fascination, then you need to mix with those who share your passion.

ALEGRA

Perhaps I should do that but my spirits with the North Alabama Lions and that's where I'll stay.

DAISY

Big mistake lithograph, the world means more to you than this.

ALEGRA

There's no way I can do both and I am doing degrees and BTEC's, I need a social life that gives me a rest from thinking and geology won't do that.

MADISON

If it's relaxation you need, visit the mall because it's fairly near here.

ALEGRA

Me and DAISY haven't been to the 1 in Decatur for a month, how do you manage to go every week?

MADISON

I have to get everything else done before I'm allowed to go but if you actually study for your exams, I'm not surprised you haven't been to the mall in months. I commented on ALEGRA's outfit earlier, where was it bought from?

ALEGRA

It was from Sears, if you come over I can show you where you can get it.

MADISON

We have a Sears in Regency Square Mall down the road from here so I'll pop down there when I get the time.

ALEGRA

I don't just shop in Sears, I have clothes from Belk and my shoes usually come from American Eagle Outfitters.

MADISON

For a girl who hardly hit's the mall

often you sure know where to shop.

DAISY

She much rather spends time at the nature reserve.

ALEGRA

Shopping isn't my main forte, I am into environment and my religion and time spent with DAISY is enough for me.

MADISON

Now if NIGEL is done with English, we have just enough time to visit the library before your buses come to take you home.

NIGEL puts down a dictionary and walks out of the door, he was behind the other who exited 1<sup>st</sup>.

The group passed along the corridor and MADISON stopped when she saw TROY and ROMEO.

TROY

So you actually managed to show up.

ROMEO

That's 10 bucks to me then.

MADISON

Don't get on to me about punctuality, I had a class to run at lunchtime.

ROMEO

I assume finishing your class early isn't an option?

MADISON

No it isn't, you wouldn't realise how hard is to be cheer captain and be in 2 places at once.

TROY

Of course we wouldn't but we'd be welcome to hear about it someday.

ROMEO

Don't take decisions that you make so quickly, I bet MADISON can drone for hours about her team.

MADISON

Why do you see me so negatively.

ALEGRA

I am sure they don't mean it, I spoke

to them earlier and they seemed so envious of your talent because they'll never result to being as popular as you and together as a team we're invincible.

MADISON

Of course they don't, I may be rather sparkly on the outside but I can be a real honest and good friend.

ALEGRA

I do have some qualities about me like being clever and not looking my age, I can still fit into child sized clothing and I am easily excitable.

MADISON

The latter could be more useful to you when you chant, is it possible to make it so loud that the other team quivers in their boots?

ALEGRA

Why of course I can do that, when it comes to making myself heard I don't let myself down.

DAISY

That is correct especially since you screamed down the phone when you rang me this morning, it must have been at least 80db.

ALEGRA

I couldn't help it, the fact you were coming here with me was such good news and was also a good distraction from the physiological problems.

MADISON

Getting back to me saying about the library, ALEGRA you'd lose yourself in there because it's so big in there.

ALEGRA

I believe that can be possible, with the coursework our teachers set, there's a whole rack of knowledge that will need to be analysed in greater detail in order me to pass with flying colours.

The group had now approached the library.

MADISON

Now this is the library, everyone go and rummage through the vast collection and you can take 1 book out on my account until we get you library cards later in the week.

ALEGRA

That's so good of you, I'll be right back.

ALEGRA zoomed off to find a book that she could rent on MADISON's behalf. As the other group got hearing off MADISON's offer they went to find books as well.

ALEGRA went to find a book on cheerleading so went to the sports section, DAISY was only a shelf away looking for a book on Athletics.

MADISON shouted some information before she let the group to their own devices.

MADISON

The school buses will be here in half an hour so don't get too distracted.

MADISON went to sit down whilst her group were occupied.

DAISY

So I need a book on running, have you seen 1?

ALEGRA

They're on the middle shelf, Dorling Kindersley has a good section on how to be a good runner.

DAISY

They would, they have a book on everything.

ALEGRA

I don't know precisely how many but it's 100 books and counting and we have many of their encyclopaedias at home but still hoping to fill the gaps in our collection.

DAISY

You're never satisfied until something's complete.

ALEGRA

You say that like it's a bad thing,  
just you remember to catch the bus here with me  
because I will start the Horse riding lesson without you.

DAISY

If they're late leaving the depot again,  
who knows when they'll show up.

ALEGRA

I heard they just left them up in Florence during the day.

DAISY

That might be true as the depot is about 100 miles from here.

ALEGRA

It travels far but I can help being isolated where I am,  
Decatur isn't exactly near but it does have it's own  
colleges although here is better than any of those.

DAISY

I only travelled 10 miles but my Dad will  
pick me up from yours after dinner.

ALEGRA

Same as it always has been and  
I wouldn't have it any other way.

DAISY seems to find something on a shelf that may be of use.

DAISY

Here is a good book on running simply titled "Athletics".

DAISY picked up the book and began to search through it to see whether  
there's a section on what sort of a balanced diet an athlete should take.

DAISY

I forgot to ask what sort of a book you were looking for.

ALEGRA

Just 1 on how to be the perfect cheerleader  
so MADISON doesn't see me as a failure on  
sport because you told her I was terrible  
and I don't want her to think you're right.

DAISY

You could look it up on the university's website  
and e-mail some of the other squad members for advice.

ALEGRA

won't look at what most Catholic's opinions on the  
sport is because they are dead against how flirtatious it is.  
This is especially biased just because you stand on the pitch  
with an outfit our priest would say shows too much of my stomach.

DAISY

It's OK, it's a matter of principle to do it and you  
shouldn't let a small controversial faith put you off.

ALEGRA

I am honestly considering asking  
MADISON to get the outfits redesigned.

DAISY

I respect your concern but you always talk about sacrifices  
and this is 1 you'll have to take to get in the squad.



ALEGRA

You're right but my parents will take 1 look at me and wonder how I became so de-moral when I used to dress so innocently.

DAISY

If it'll affect your parents and your beliefs go and see MADISON and talk to her about the wrong and right reasons for why the dress isn't appropriate.

ALEGRA

I'm not against the dress, I'm against it's controversy that gives boys the wrong impression about the sort of people we are.

DAISY

When you put it like that, you might have a point.

ALEGRA

I'd have gone to Cincinnati, they cover their midriffs and wear long sleeves but it was way too far so I came here.

I had no intentions of joining the team but seeing how popular MADISON is, it seemed like the right thing to do and she wanted me to join her.

DAISY

I don't think you made a mistake to go and attend tryouts next week, I expect with the right practise you could beat the other girls but MADISON will have her work cut out to get you to co-ordinate your arms and legs in time with music.

ALEGRA

We only have a week, I'm doomed before we started and I'm not exactly the 1<sup>st</sup> choice. We are friends and not to talk to the most dominant girl around would be critical in my pledge to be well liked so I'll give it my all and also prove that I will pass my BTEC's and degrees with flying colours.

DAISY

It says in this book that I have to have 5 portions of fruit and veg to build up a stamina good enough to be a runner, honestly that seems like a lot and there is no mention of cake in this book.

ALEGRA

I could have guessed that, you could do with being a bit healthier beside me being too thin. Speaking of my really good birthday parties I host, are you still coming to it a week on Saturday.

DAISY

Of course I am, why is it held so late this year?

ALEGRA

So you didn't miss it, my birthday fell whilst you were in Panama but you did remember to give me presents beforehand. Having the party later gives me the chance to have some of my new university friends attend so I better get some new invites sent out.

DAISY

Of course it make sense now but if there's no famous guest, MADISON may feel like you are not a princess of parties and this is your 18<sup>th</sup> so it to be the most special of anything you're ever hosted before.

ALEGRA

Believe me it will be hard regarding a special guest, I may have to try harder but if I offer the right sort of money and come with only 10 days notice.

DAISY

Madison will be seeing you every night after we finish tomorrow until Tuesday so you're not going to get much time to organise a famous person.

ALEGRA

I have it under control, I'll get started when you Dad drops you back at Tuscumbia after your horse riding lesson.

DAISY

That's very good of you to overwork yourself so you party can be extra special.

ALEGRA was browsing the shelves when we she picked up a book on cheerleading.

DAISY

That looks like it could be of use to you.

ALEGRA

It's worth a shot but I don't want MADISON to get the wrong end of the stick.

DAISY

Why would she?

ALEGRA

She might because if she's sees me learning some details before we train together,

she might wonder why I am doing that.

DAISY

She knows you like learning so she should assumed you'd swot up on a few facts to amaze her when she visits.

ALEGRA

The fact she knows I'm a geek maybe something she can use to her advantage, the fact is I did offer to help her despite her subjects being at a lot higher level than me so it'll take me forever to revise it to teach her.

DAISY

I'm sure she'll respect the fact you said that out of kindness and she won't ask for anything too complicated for you to help her with.

ALEGRA

I forgot to ask what subjects she's taking, for all I know she might be taking religion, I can tell you facts about the main 5 but I stopped it after high school because it wasn't important to me.

DAISY

No 1 is doubting you for giving it up as long as you keep practising Catholicism then no 1 will think any less of you.

A bell rang in the distance.

MADISON

Everybody bring your book to me and I'll check them out for them.

Everyone rushed from where they were hiding and MADISON collected their books as they passed her, she got them stamped and passed it back to the person who gave her it up checking out of the library system.

MADISON

Goodbye everyone, I'll meet you all 1<sup>st</sup> thing tomorrow.

ALEGRA

Thank-you MADISON for opening my mind to new opportunities and I'll ask my mom tonight about you coming over to tutor me in sport.

MADISON

It my pleasure and good luck.

ALEGRA  
Goodbye.

MADISON  
Goodbye

FADE OUT

ACT SIX:

Location: Leading from the library to the university bus pick up point

FADE IN

The entrance was only a mile away so MADISON waked the group there, ALEGRA and DAISY followed the students out to the bus bay to get the yellow bus back to everybody's houses.

They arrived and the 1 of the buses read \_\_\_\_\_ via Tuscumbia, Decatur, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that meant ALEGRA and DAISY had got to the right bus and they could get on it without worrying about being stranded in the middle of nowhere.

They stood at the front of the line to get on.

DAISY  
That was a busy day.

The 2 of them climbed the few steps onto the bus.

ALEGRA  
It ain't over yet.

They walked down the bus to find seats.

DAISY  
Why, wasn't it hectic enough.  
ALEGRA  
You're come horse riding at my house.

The 2 of them sat down and flung their backpacks and coats under their seats.

DAISY  
I remembered that but beside that  
I still think it was a busy day already even  
before we get started on saddling up our horses.

ALEGRA  
I suppose you could be right.  
I always seem to remain calm and  
collective whatever gets thrown my way.

DAISY

I don't know how you do it.

ALEGRA

I've just had years of practise.

DAISY

So has MADISON and it's a shame it was academic.

DAISY notices NIGEL getting on board the bus, he comes and sits opposite the pair.

NIGEL

Hello DAISY, ALEGRA, so sorry I took so long to get here, I was at the back of the queue in the library so it took longer for my book to get stamped.

DAISY

It's fine, I know about the mad rush that happens when the bell rings, most students are tired from exhaustion and want to head home but for those others, they are disappointed that a day of learning is over.

ALEGRA

I usually can take more learning but today was very hard and I can keep it up, it's quite hard building up my popularity again.

The engine revs up and the driver starts to spin the wheel and the bus is on the way.

DAISY

We'll may stop 1<sup>st</sup> at Tuscumbia but I am going to Decatur for horse riding so NIGEL will be off the bus much earlier than me.

NIGEL

It's alright, speaking of the library, did any of you get a book out?

DAISY

We did but the choice was exceptional and we can't wait to get our own card so we can check out our own book.

ALEGRA

NIGEL, do you want to come to my birthday party?

NIGEL

I will but it depends on when it is.

ALEGRA

It is a week on Saturday.

NIGEL

Then I will come and that is fine for me.

ALEGRA

Then I'll get you an invitation,  
I hope you don't mind travelling 35 miles to attend because it  
took a lot of planning to book the place I am planning it as it is.

NIGEL

The distance doesn't matter, I travelled 100  
miles at least when I took my summer vacation.

DAISY

Then we'll be pleased to have you there.

NIGEL

Is MADISON seeking interest from those  
2 other boys who tried to wind her up?

ALEGRA

I spoke with them earlier but I couldn't get an  
inkling whether they had a crush on her although she's  
perfect so why would a fellow senior turn her down?  
They certainly wouldn't crush on us juniors  
because we have to start at the beginning  
before all becoming the centre of attention

DAISY

I wouldn't like to wait 3 years for a boy to ask me out.

NIGEL

I am now at my stop so  
I'll see you girls later.

DAISY

Goodbye.

ALEGRA

Goodbye.

NIGEL got up and walked to the front before departing the bus, it pulled  
off and NIGEL walked to his house.

ALEGRA

I must invite them 2 to my party and TROY and ROMEO we  
must have seniors there to give the right impression.

DAISY

This is coming from the girl who discouraged alcohol.

ALEGRA

It's not just me, my Mom has to look after me single handed whilst my Dad runs the secret service in Tennessee.

DAISY

I don 't suppose you'll follow him into that line of work but he is back at the weekend and you'll be able to spend the whole of 2 days with him.

ALEGRA

We are going to the mall Saturday morning because you promised we would visit as it's though we haven't been in a month.

DAISY

OK we'll go but I am sure if you're picking a dress for your party he should come and decide with us, it's your 18<sup>th</sup> and he wants you to look at your utmost prettiest.

ALEGRA

I try to but if he'd come to the pageant he'd have seen there's tough competition in the North Alabama region, MADISON is a long way from where I'm at so I hope she lays of the juniors and stick to controlling her own age.

DAISY

She has control but as a leader she does get her point across.

ALEGRA

If she does come to my party, this will take place after tryouts so I should know whether I made it so my won't need to be disappointed with me.

DAISY

It's a hard squad to get in so you won't bring shame to your friends but MADISON did say herself it was a synch that you'd get in so you have no need to mull it over.

ALEGRA

At least let my mother meet her 1<sup>st</sup> before we plan the rest of my life.

DAISY

I heard you say she's the perfect role model being a state champion so what else can you're mother expect from a new friend?

ALEGRA

A new friend will keep me distracted whilst father is away and my Mom will be proud that I'm taking

up sport as an interest instead of being forced to do it.

I've never had to multitask between it and education before but I am not there to waste the next 4 years so I'm not going to give any suggestion the cold shoulder.

DAISY

Is there a theme to this party by any chance?

ALEGRA

I was going for famous people or cartoon characters or be yourself, I don't really know, it's going to be really decorative and really elegant so I suppose most of those suggestions are optional.

We will be having the usual 4 course banquet so I need everyone's invites in by Monday.

I'll just quickly add that notice to then when we arrive and my house and then we'll grab a drink before we start the lesson.

DAISY

You're the best friend a girl can have.

ALEGRA

Just don't do anything that I disapprove of and then these 4 years will be the best of our lives.

FADE OUT

END OF EPISODE

END CREDITS